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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6864**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 208**

**NOTE PREPARED: Dec 30, 2002**

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Environmental Rulemaking.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Gard

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** With respect to environmental non-rule policy documents, this bill requires publication of notice of proposed adoption by an environmental rulemaking board (ERB), and provides for public comments and response to comments by the Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). With respect to proposed rules of an ERB, the bill requires disclosure of additional information in the rulemaking process, including justification for requirements and restrictions that exceed federal standards. It adds an economist to the membership of each ERB. This bill also prohibits appointment of a proxy for board meetings by an ex officio ERB member.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** Requiring publication of notice of proposed adoption by an environmental rulemaking board (ERB) and providing for public comments and response to comments by the Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) may increase administrative expenses by an indeterminable amount. Expenses will depend on the number and nature of the notices. Adding an economist to the membership of each ERB will increase, by an expected minimal amount, expenses for the boards. Expenses for the boards for 2001 were as follows: Air, \$15,487; Water, \$13,687; Solid Waste, \$14,548. Total expenses equaled \$43,722.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Environmental Management and Legislative Services Agency.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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